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**1. How important is it to reduce our national debt?**

It's the most important obstacle facing the federal government

Important, but not as important as job creation

Important, but not as important as health care reform

It is not a factor that should be at the top of our legislative agenda

**2. What is the best way to reduce our national debt? (check all that apply)**

Three-year non-discretionary spending freeze (lock in spending levels for all non-defense related programs)

Oversight of often unaccounted for tax expenditures (for example, if the government offers a tax break for energy exploration)

Pass health care reform and regulate greenhouse gases to reduce future spending

Enact pay-as-you-go legislation, which says government can't spend a dollar unless we save or cut elsewhere

Smarter, more streamlined defense funding that does not include equipment the Pentagon does not need

Reform social security spending and public pension programs

**3. What is your biggest worry about the long-term debt?**

Unable to pay for social security and Medicare for baby boomer generation

Won't be able to react to future crises

Weakening of the dollar

Higher taxes to account for deficits

Decrease in private investment

Forced cutback in government services

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